Jonesboro Police Vehicle Equipment Upgrade
2018 JAG Grant Proposal

Program Narrative

Description of the issues

The City of Jonesboro is requesting secured federal funding in the amount of $33, 202.00 for the purchase of police vehicle equipment, specifically laptops. This equipment is necessary to ensure that the officer can function at full potential while on patrol in the field and is especially vital as the Department begins full implementation of our e-citation and body worn camera programs. The City of Jonesboro has increased in population an average of just over 2% each year, over the last 15 years, increasing from 55,000 in the 2000 census to 67,000 in the 2010 census and continuing growth to our current population of just over 75,000. This increase in population has placed a larger demand for services to our residents, in addition to the 80 square miles the officers must cover. On any given day, there is an average of only 12 to 14 Patrol Officers in the field, forcing each officer to cover about 6 to 7 square miles. To be both efficient and effective in the field, while patrolling such a large area, it is absolutely pertinent that the officers be able to fully operate out of his/her vehicle.

Project Design and Implementation

In 2010, the Jonesboro Police Department began upgrading the outdated and broken equipment. Computerized citation and crash records would enhance recording of information vital to state-mandated investigations of bias-based profiling. Yet another advantage of this program would be real-time information within our agency. The implementation of the new E-Citation program allows officers to accurately enter data in a more efficient manner. Because much of this equipment is outdated, or broken, many of the Patrolmen do not possess the necessary equipment in their vehicles to perform at maximum potential, hindered by hardware that does not match the updated software. Compatible laptops that work with the program is imperative to their work. The grant will allow us to purchase 10 laptops bundles plus adaptors for patrolmen.

Capabilities and Competencies

The Jonesboro Police Department is comprised of 161 Sworn Officers, 92 of which are assigned to the Patrol Unit. Each Patrol Vehicle has a camera system, scanner, ticket printer and laptop, which are designed to equip each officer with all necessary technology to work effectively and efficiently in the field. The police vehicle is essentially the Patrolman's office and functional laptops allow for real-time data entry on all reports taken and tickets issued, reducing hand key data entry errors and other record keeping tasks and are essential in time management for the department. These components also afford integrations with a state-wide database and allow the State, District Court and the department the ability to more quickly and easily access traffic citation and crash data for analysis and also allows better access to those records by the court, other agencies and the general public. The laptop is the integral component in our effort to reach our ultimate goal of being totally computer based in our citation and accident reporting with information being automatically integrated to the newly launched court based reporting

system, Contexte.   Not only for police safety, but for documentation purposes, it is imperative that each patrol vehicle is equipped with a camera that records all traffic stops, pursuits, and other police activities. The laptops are also the mechanism necessary for officers to manage the software system for both in-car and body worn cameras.

Plan for Collection the Date Required for this Solicitations Performance Measures
The City of Jonesboro uses the Grants Management System (GMS) as a reporting tool to regularly submit performance data to OJP.